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Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$1,700 for payment of the Issue Fee, Publication Fee and ten advance order copies in the above-referenced application.

The Issue Fee Transmittal form PTOL-85B and Comments on Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance are also enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0625.

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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Dear Sir:

Applicants have reviewed the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, which accompanied the Notice of Allowance in the above-referenced patent application.

To the extent that the Examiner has paraphrased the claims rather than referring to the claim language itself, Applicants note that it is the claim language and permissible equivalents thereof, and not the Examiner's characterization of the claims, which is intended to define the scope of the invention.

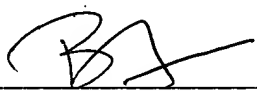
Moreover, Applicants respectfully submit that the allowability of the claims does not hinge on isolated elements

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thereof. Rather, the claims are believed to be patentable because, when viewed as a whole, they define subject matter that is neither anticipated by, nor obvious over, the prior art.

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